

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A faucet, comprising a main body, a control valve mounted in the main body and having a top formed with a control seat having a center formed with a circular mounting recess, a drive shaft rotatably mounted on the main body and having a lower portion formed with a drive member mounted in the mounting recess of the control seat of the control valve to rotate the control valve, and a handle fixed on an upper portion of the drive shaft to rotate the drive shaft, wherein:

the drive member of the drive shaft has a peripheral wall contacting with the mounting recess of the control seat of the control valve;

the peripheral wall of the drive member of the drive shaft is formed with a plurality of spacing portions to reduce a contacting area between the drive member of the drive shaft and the mounting recess of the control seat of the control valve.

2. The faucet in accordance with claim 1, wherein the spacing portions of the drive member of the drive shaft are spaced from each other.

3. The faucet in accordance with claim 1, wherein the spacing portions of the drive member of the drive shaft are arranged in a staggered manner.

4. The faucet in accordance with claim 1, wherein the drive member of the drive shaft has a spherical shape.

5. The faucet in accordance with claim 1, wherein the drive member of the drive shaft has a semi-spherical shape.

6. The faucet in accordance with claim 1, wherein the spacing portions of the drive member of the drive shaft are flattened edges.

5        7. The faucet in accordance with claim 1, wherein the spacing portions of the drive member of the drive shaft are arcuate concave portions.

8. The faucet in accordance with claim 1, wherein the spacing portions of the drive member of the drive shaft are semi-circular protruding portions.